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6. Controls Inbound boarding party of five under sidearms came aboard [] and searched each cabin. [] they appeared to be interested only in stowaways. Only master's revolver and ammunition were placed under seal. Boarding party went ashore [] Surveillance guard of one was placed at accommodation ladder. No surveillance boat was observed. Outbound, boarding party came aboard [] and went ashore []

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7. Harbor Craft [] two tugs were present in subject harbor. Vessel used one tug in berthing and one tug, aided by a motor boat, in getting away from berth. Only "lighter" [] was tied between bow of vessel and quay, remaining there until vessel was ready to depart. Floating crane depicted at Neftyanoy Mole []

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8. Berth

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- b. Completion of new transit shed []

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[] Tombstone-like white objects to right and rear [] of berth are identified by informant as "stone" to be used in repair and construction of area []

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- e. Three large cranes were observed operating along railway []

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9. Construction Area [] is still under construction [] with new railway tracks being laid, and surface being paved with stone. [] extension of railway is to allow further movement of cranes in this []

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- area. New street leading to town is being constructed [redacted]
10. Naval Vessels Three patrol vessels reportedly were observed anchored [redacted]
11. Merchant Vessels [redacted] 10-thousand-ton Soviet passenger ship [redacted]
 a 10-12-thousand-ton Soviet motor tanker arrived [redacted]
 [redacted] two Soviet tankers loaded at [redacted]
 and the MT VESTFOSS (SW) loaded there [redacted]
 two or three Soviet tankers up to 16 thousand tons worked [redacted]
 two Soviet tankers up to 16 thousand tons and a Norwegian tanker [redacted]
 two or three 5-10-thousand-ton Soviet [redacted]
 tankers loaded [redacted] a Soviet coastal-type freighter
 discharged ore that looked similar to "white chalk" at designator N; and a
 US-built liberty ship, cargo unknown, was being worked [redacted]
12. Shore Activities Most of vessel's crew went ashore in subject port under the
 customary "half-pass system." There was a 10 ruble fine if this pass was lost.
 [redacted] photographs could be taken in city but not in port
 area. [redacted]
13. Miscellaneous [redacted]
 Both jet and propeller-driven aircraft, as well as two
 propeller-driven passenger aircraft were observed - all at high altitudes -
 over subject port. No flight patterns were observed. [redacted]

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